

IN BORROWED CLOTHING

33 American Survivors of Kingston Disaster

REACHED BOSTON TO-DAY

They Lost Every Cent of Money They Had—United States Is Notified That Her Aid Is Not Wanted in Jamaica.

Boston, Jan. 21.—The United Fruit company's steamer, Admiral Sampson arrived this morning from Port Antonio and Kingston, Jamaica, bringing 33 Americans, the majority of whom had narrow escapes from death in last Monday's disaster. Those from New England were Mr. and Mrs. Julian C. Edgerly of Hyde Park, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Dixon of Worcester, Samuel Gutman, N. Loomie and Mrs. Emma J. Bailey of Boston. Rev. Lawrence J. O'Toole of West Newton, Edmund Mure and Mrs. Mure of Bangor, Me., Lynde Sullivan and Mrs. Sullivan of Malden, Mass., Alfred J. Tanner of Springfield, Mass., Frederick W. Page of Haverhill, Mass., Herbert F. Baker of Somerville, Mass.

Many of them landed in borrowed clothing and without a cent of money. In escaping from the ruined hotels they lost everything. They were picked up in Kingston on Wednesday after the steamer had sailed from Port Antonio to render aid.

Several passengers said that they were not surprised at the strained relations between the American naval officers and Governor Swettenham. They said that Swettenham was a rather pompous individual with no tact.

AMERICAN SHIPS HAVE LEFT ISLAND

Admiral Evans Reports By Wireless That They Are Back Again in Guantanamo Harbor.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—The navy department has received a wireless communication, saying that the Missouri, Yankton and Indiana ships have returned to that port.

SWETTENHAM CRITICIZED.

Over in London They Think His Action Most Deplorable.

London, Jan. 21.—According to the Daily Mail's Kingston correspondent, the people of the town are widely protesting against the withdrawal of the Americans, as there is still great need of food and greater need of medical assistance. This correspondent relates that it was at the request of the governor's deputy and a subordinate that American marines were landed to quell the disorders in the penitentiary. Governor Swettenham, however, repudiated his deputy's action. The correspondent says Governor Swettenham bases his action on that of the American government after the San Francisco disaster. He adds that in the heated final interview between Governor Swettenham and Rear Admiral Davis, the governor intimated that the admiral wanted to gain an unfair amount of credit.

The Daily Mail in an editorial frankly describes the governor's action as a blunder on the part of Governor Swettenham, and says he dealt with the situation in an altogether wrong frame of mind and compromised the credit of his country in so doing.

AN ABRUPT ENDING.

Admiral Davis Is Told He Was Not Needed.

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 21.—Rear Admiral Davis' mission of mercy to stricken Kingston came to an abrupt and painful conclusion. He was told by Governor Swettenham's representative to the presence of the American marines engaged in clearing the streets, guarding property and succoring the wounded and sick. It culminates in a letter to the admiral peremptorily requesting him to disembark all parties who had been landed here.

Admiral Davis was greatly shocked and surprised, and paid a formal visit to Governor Swettenham Saturday to inform him that the United States battleships Missouri and Indiana, and the gunboat Yankton would sail that afternoon.

The friction between the governor and the admiral began with the arrival of the American vessels. The governor objected to the firing of a salute in his honor on the ground that the citizens might mistake the firing for a new earthquake. His also said that they did not need any American aid—that the government was fully able to preserve order, tend the wounded and succor the homeless.

Admiral Davis, however, landed parties of blue-jackets, who patrolled streets, cleared debris, razed ruins, attended to the wounded and were given the highest praise from citizens and military officers for excellent work.

Rear Admiral Davis wrote to Gov. Swettenham, apologizing for the salute and telling that he had handed a few men to assist, actuated by the spirit of humanity.

Gov. Swettenham's Reply.

Gov. Swettenham responded Friday as follows:

"Dear Admiral—Thanks very much for your letter, your kind call and all the assistance given or offered to us. While I

most heartily appreciate the very generous offer of assistance I feel it my duty to ask you to disembark the working party and all parties which your kindness prompted you to land.

"If in consideration of the American vice consul's assiduous attentions to his family at his country house the American consulate needs guarding in your opinion, although he was present and it was not guarded an hour ago, I have no objection to your detailing a force for the sole purpose of guarding it; but the party must have no fire arms and nothing more offensive than clubs or staves for this function.

"I find your working party was this morning helping Mr. Crosswell clean his store. Crosswell was delighted that the work was done without cost. If your excellency should remain long enough I am sure almost all the private owners would be glad of the services of the navy to their expense.

"It is no longer a question of humanity, all the dead died days ago, and the work of giving them burial is merely one of convenience.

"I would be glad to accept delivery of the safe which it is alleged thieves had possession. The American vice-consul has no knowledge of it, the store is close to a crenel post and the office of the post professes ignorance of the incident.

"I believe the police surveillance of the city is adequate for protection of private property. I may remind your excellency that not long ago it was discovered that thieves had lodged in and pillaged the residence of some New York millionaire during the absence in the summer; but this would not have justified a British admiral landing an armed party and assisting the New York police.

"I have the honor to be, with profound gratitude and the highest respect,

Your obedient servant,
(Signed)
ALEXANDER SWETTENHAM,
Governor.

INCLINED TO BLAME ADMIRAL DAVIS

For Landing Marines on Island of Jamaica—Conference Held at White House Today.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—Acting secretary of state Bacon who last night characterized the whole story of the withdrawal of Admiral Davis' fleet as untrue admitted today that he had been aware of the departure of the vessels yesterday but even now had no official knowledge of any difficulty between Governor Swettenham and Admiral Davis. Some disposition was manifested at the State Department to blame the admiral for landing marines from his ships. Mr. Bacon, Secretary Taft, and the President conferred at the White House today regarding the incident.

DOES DAMAGE OF ABOUT \$1,500,000

Ninety Miles an Hour Gale Stirs Up Things Fearfully at Buffalo, N. Y.

Five Lake Liners Being Aground.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 21.—A terrific gale which blew 90 miles an hour at times has swept this city for 15 hours and has done \$1,500,000 damage to shipping. Five large lake liners wintering just inside the breakwalls were torn loose from their moorings and driven aground. The gale still rages and no aid can be sent to the endangered vessels. They are believed to be resting on soft bottom, and unless the gale becomes worse will probably not suffer serious damage.

The vessels aground are the Hurlbut W. Smith, William Nottingham, J. Q. Bidde, Monroe C. Smith and A. C. Brew. Most of them are owned in Cleveland. They have cargoes, Caretakers were aboard, but are believed to be safe.

For hours the gale swept the water front with unabated fury. Docks and wharves were wrecked and carried away. Craft broken from their moorings smashed against bridges with serious damage. Smoke stacks and buildings of light construction were blown down like paper boxes, but so far no casualties have been reported.

The water in lake Erie rose three feet in minutes. The floating breakwalls have been pounded until portions of them have broken away. Railroad tracks along the water front are holding them down with strings of freight cars.

ONE LIFE LOST IN MEDFORD FIRE

Medford's Fine Boat Club House a Mass of Ruins—One Hundred Canoes Destroyed.

Medford, Mass., Jan. 21.—Nicholas Sandstone, 37 years old, a tanner of North Woburn, was burned to death and Otto Mietzner, aged 27, was terribly burned about the upper part of the body in a fire that destroyed the large boat-house of the Medford Boat club, situated on the dam between the upper and lower Mystic lakes Sunday morning. The property loss will reach \$15,000, upon which there is a marine insurance. Mietzner was the caretaker at the clubhouse and Sandstone was visiting him when the fire occurred. No one knows how the fire originated. Mietzner was found unconscious in the snow about a quarter of a mile from the boat-house. He recovered consciousness sufficiently to tell the police that Sandstone visited him the night before; that they had retired and that he knew nothing further until he was awakened by the thick smoke and flames and he had barely time to escape with his life.

Owing to the difficulty of access to the fire, nothing of the buildings or its contents could be saved. The clubhouse was one of the most finely appointed structures of its kind in the state and had accommodations for 100 canoes, ten dormitories and two or three yachts, all of which with the furnishings were destroyed.

THAW TRIAL POSTPONED

Heir to Millions Taken to Court House in New York

WEDNESDAY IS THE DAY

Prisoner Who Shot Stanford White Was Not Brought Before Case of Gaping Crowd—Squad of Police Necessary to Keep Police Back.

New York, Jan. 21.—The trial of Harry H. Thaw, who is charged with the murder of Stanford White, was adjourned today until next Wednesday. The prisoner was brought from the prison pen to the court building, but did not appear in the courtroom. A squad of police was necessary to keep back the great crowds that flocked to the trial. It is still believed that Thaw's defense will be temporary insanity. Intent upon being tried upon the merits of his case, no one except the prisoner, his intimate relations and his present counsel know what the defense will have to offer in justification of Thaw's unbridled act.

Much has been said about "the unwhitened law" in connection with the Thaw case, but how far the testimony will go toward inducing a jury on such a plea remains to be seen. Thaw apparently has not suffered a moment's remorse during his long confinement in the Tombs. His persistence in the claim that he was morally justified in taking White's life has apparently provoked with his counsel and they will go to court with a plea of not guilty.

District Attorney Jerome personally will have charge of the prosecution of Thaw, assisted by one of his deputies, Mr. Garvan. So far Mr. Jerome has not intimated that he will not proceed as he would against any other man on trial for alleged murder. In the subject of a lunacy commission he called for some stage of the case, he has not committed himself.

In the meantime 200 talesmen, members of a special jury panel drawn from the Thaw trial, will have to await the call of the court. This large jury list is remarkable in many ways. It has been selected with the greatest care. Men with a recognized standing in the community in which they live have been sought and the district attorney's office believes the list of those summoned constitutes as high a type of citizenship as could be secured. It is recognized that the selection of a jury is to the most difficult part of the proceedings.

DYNAMITE EXPLODED WRECKING A TRAIN

Over 80 Lives Wiped Out in All Probability on the "Big Four" Line Late Saturday Night.

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 21.—Twenty-two charred and mutilated bodies were taken from the smoldering ruins of the accommodation passenger train on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis (Big Four) railroad, following its destruction Saturday night by the explosion of a carload of powder as it passed a freight train at Sandford, Ind., five miles west of Terre Haute. The number of injured will total at least 80.

According to E. W. Thier, local freight agent, enough remnants of bodies have been found to indicate a dozen or more victims, or a possible total of 34 dead. Among the injured are L. E. Rose, engineer of maintenance of way on the Big Four, and his four men.

Another theory is that gas escaping from an old pipe line entered the powder car, standing by the pipe, and that a spark from the passenger locomotive ignited the gas. Yet another is that the disaster was due to the act of a tramp or an intoxicated man, who may have fired a shot into the car.

The wrecked train and eight freight cars were burned up. The other cars were pulled out of danger. Not a building in Sandford escaped damage. Windows were shattered, dishes and furniture broken and several doors were torn from hinges. The accommodation passenger train was running from Indianapolis to Milton, Ind. The freight train drew in on a siding to let the passenger train go by. Shortly afterwards the passenger train approached the station, setting brakes as it passed the freight train. As the passenger train was just abreast of the powder car, its contents exploded.

CELLAR WALL FELL KILLED THREE BOYS

Accident in South Boston Yesterday—Others Escaped With Only Slight Bruises.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 21.—Three boys were killed yesterday through the falling in of a wall in the cellar of a recently demolished house in South Boston. Their names were James Gill, 13 years; Michael Kneel, 13, and John Murphy, 14 years. Nearly a dozen boys gathered in the old cellar at 48 West Fortieth street yesterday afternoon and amused themselves in prying some of the stones from the walls. Suddenly one of the highest walls toppled over and three of the boys were buried beneath the debris. Others escaped with slight bruises.

PUZZLES GEOLOGISTS.

Bedrock Falls to Appear Where It Is Expected at Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, Jan. 21.—Engineers and those who are interested in the project to construct a dam across the Connecticut river at Brattleboro are much surprised at the conditions revealed by borings which have been made in the bed of the river to determine the formation of the earth beneath the proposed site.

On the west side of the river, at a point opposite the village, is a railroad bank on the east side, rises abruptly to a steep mountain. Both banks are of rock formation, which is plainly visible, and between them flows the river, narrow, deep and still.

GEOLOGISTS had supposed that the channel was worn out by centuries of constant contact of the water, and those behind the dam project believed they would find rock bottom at a depth of a few feet, but several shafts have been sunk to a depth of between 70 and 80 feet without striking rock in any instance.

There appears to be a rift in the rock at this point, and engineers say it is the only instance of the kind in the Connecticut valley so far as known.

NEGRO UPRISING FEARED.

Troops Sent to Beaufort, S. C., to Preserve Order.

Beaufort, S. C., Jan. 21.—As the result of apprehension of a negro uprising today the authorities telegraphed to Col. W. Patterson, stationed at Fort Screven, Ga., asking that a company of regular troops be dispatched here for the preservation of order. To-night forty men armed and equipped for service arrived under command of Capt. Joseph Wheeler. Guards were established and patrols formed. The discontent among the negroes, which it was feared might be fanned into a fury, was caused by the killing of William Bennett, a negro, by a guard at 1 o'clock Saturday morning. The negro was discovered hanging about the ruins of the People's bank, one of the buildings demolished by the fire Saturday.

MILK DEALERS ARE THREATENED

Will Be Prosecuted if Their Product Is Found Unsatisfactory to the State Board of Health.

Brattleboro, Jan. 21.—The state board of health, of which Dr. Henry D. Holton is secretary, plans to begin at once an examination of the milk sold in all sections of the state. An examination was made last year, and while nearly all of the milk was up to the standard in many respects, about two-thirds of the samples when analyzed were found to be contaminated. No prosecution was begun, but the milkmen were given instructions as to how to keep their milk clean. Dr. Holton intimates that unless the second examination shows an improvement some action will be taken. This year men will be sent to inspect the farm barns. Hereafter the board of health has had no appropriation for this work, but at the last session of the legislature an appropriation of \$2,500 was made.

NEW VILLAGE OFFICERS.

Bellows Falls Village Held Meeting Saturday Night.

Bellows Falls, Jan. 21.—One of the largest and most important events held in town was that Saturday evening to nominate officers for the village under the new charter. The following were placed in nomination: T. E. O'Brien, president; F. G. Flint, J. J. O'Connor, Dr. G. H. Gorham and Walter Smith, trustees; Z. H. Allen, moderator; C. E. Calkins, treasurer; E. Bolles, clerk; D. J. McDonald, collector of taxes; H. D. Ryder, Z. H. Allbee and James Byrnes, auditors.

VERMONT BOTANISTS.

Elect President Ezra Brainerd of Middlebury to First Place.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 21.—The annual meeting of the Vermont Botanical club was held here Saturday and the following officers were elected: President, Ezra Brainerd, of Middlebury; vice-president, C. G. Pringle, of Burlington; secretary, Prof. L. R. Jones, of Burlington; treasurer, Mrs. Nellie F. Flinn, of Burlington; executive committee, Mrs. E. D. Davenport, of Brattleboro, H. H. Swift, of Pittsford, Miss Isabelle M. Giddick, of St. Johnsbury, Mrs. T. C. Fletcher, of St. Johnsbury.

ST. ALBANS PASTOR RESIGNS.

Rev. E. E. Margraf to Leave the Universalist Church in That City.

St. Albans, Jan. 21.—The Rev. E. E. Margraf at the morning service yesterday read his resignation as pastor of the Universalist church in this city, his resignation to take effect February 1. It is understood he will go to a pastorate in North Hatley, Que. Mr. Margraf has been pastor of the church here about two years. The trustees will probably take action at once to secure a pastor.

GOT YEAR'S SENTENCE.

John L. Reed of Benson Sent to the House of Correction.

Rutland, Jan. 21.—John L. Reed of Benson was sent to the house of correction from the Rutland city court today for not less than, one nor more than three years for abusing Maurice Lamphier's child. Reed is only 21 years old.

Prominent Farmer Dead.

St. Albans, Jan. 21.—F. A. Foster, a prominent farmer of West Swanton, died in the hospital here this morning from the effects of an operation which he underwent about one week ago. He was at one time town clerk of Swanton. He is survived by his wife.

Among arrivals at the City hotel today are J. E. Miles, H. E. Palmer, W. J. Payne, Burlington; G. W. Moxley, J. W. Haines, Boston; G. P. Shaw, Bethel; R. C. Adams, Lexington, Ky.

BODY FOUND, MONEY GONE

Proctor Man Was Undoubtedly Robbed Saturday

HE HAD BEEN DRINKING

It Is Learned That He Tried at Two House on His Way to Find Out Where He Was—Police Are Investigating.

Rutland, Jan. 21.—After knocking on the windows of two houses in the town of Rutland in an unsuccessful attempt, it is believed, to ascertain his whereabouts, Denoter Varvarietz, of Proctor, while intoxicated, wandered to a point near the Johnson place, where he apparently fell down and drowned in a pool a few inches deep.

A linen bag which Varvarietz always wore around his neck and which was said to contain \$70 when he left Proctor Saturday is missing. His undershirt was open at the chest and it is thought that he was robbed Saturday evening. The authorities will investigate. Varvarietz spent most of Saturday evening at the store of Barney Rosen in Central Rutland. He left about 11 o'clock accompanied by Edward Ryan. Both men had been drinking heavily.

A FIREWORKS FIRE.

Destroyed \$40,000 of Property at Norfolk, Va.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 21.—The most spectacular fire in the history of the city occurred yesterday when a spark from a locomotive of the Norfolk & Western railway set fire to the grass near the plant of the Atlantic Casketing company. Fanned by a forty mile wind, the flames extended to the great lumber piles and oil tanks of the company, causing a loss of \$40,000 and a probable fatal injury of one man. Seventy-five thousand gallons of creosoting fluid in the tanks exploded and 2,500 barrels of the oil were consumed, together with several hundred thousand feet of creosoted lumber.

One hundred sailors from the St. Helena training station aided the fire fighting force of the casketing company in combating the fire. One of them, a coal passer on the training ship Richmond, was overcome by heat and smoke. He was removed to a hospital, where he is expected to die.

SUES HIS ATTORNEYS FOR HIS AWARD

Terrence McKane of Barre Claims That He Got Only \$107.55 Out of Award of \$3,450, Which Jury Gave Him from Marr & Gordon.

Montpelier, Jan. 21.—Suit was entered in county court today in which Terrence McKane of Barre seeks to recover \$2,700 from M. M. Gordon and R. A. Hoar of Barre, who appeared for him in his damage suit against Marr & Gordon for injuries sustained on their quarry. The present suit is the outcome of a great legal battle in which three trials were held in county court and twice in supreme court. The first time the jury disagreed and the second jury gave the plaintiff \$5,629.15. The case went up to supreme court on judgment was reversed. The third trial gave \$3,450 to the plaintiff and when the case again went to supreme court judgment was affirmed.

It is further set up in the suit that on June 2 last Marr & Gordon, the defeated parties in the damage suit, paid \$2,000 (the award and costs) to M. M. Gordon and that on June 19 M. M. Gordon paid \$107.55 in full settlement to Mr. McKane, who refused to accept. Mr. McKane claimed that he had an agreement with Attorney Gordon that he (the attorney) was to receive 30 per cent of the damages.

McKane has engaged Stanton and Theriault to prosecute his case. Just what part Attorney Hoar plays in the matter does not appear. It is understood that Attorney M. M. Gordon was hired in the first place and that later Mr. Hoar was awarded, whether or not by act of Mr. McKane is not known.

DROPPED DEAD.

Rockport Minister's Sudden Demise at Chicopee.

Chicopee, Mass., Jan. 21.—The Rev. D. C. Easton, pastor of the Baptist church of Rockport, Mass., dropped dead last night at his residence of Herbert S. Martin in this city. The Rev. Mr. Easton was a candidate for the pastorate of the Central Baptist church of this city and had preached at both the morning and evening services. At the close of the evening service he and Mr. Martin walked to the latter's residence, a walk that was more than three quarters of a mile up hill. While talking with members of the Martin family, Mr. Easton gave a gasp and dropped dead.

He was about 67 years old and had been pastor of the Rockport church since 1904. He leaves a widow and two sons, one of whom, Charles Easton, is a physician at Newport, R. I.

STEERING GEAR OUT.

Fall River Line Steamer Providence Was Disabled.

Newport, R. I., 21.—The Fall River line steamer Providence, which arrived here from New York twelve hours late yesterday afternoon was disabled later by an accident to her steering gear while on her way up the bay to Fall River.

The passengers on the Providence bound for Fall River were brought back to the city by launches from the naval training station and sent to Fall River by train. They stated that the steamer had anchored.

SPIRITUALISTS LEAVE.

They Have Been Holding Convention in Montpelier.

Montpelier, Jan. 21.—With three largely attended services the 38th annual convention of the State Spiritualist association closed in this city yesterday. At the afternoon and evening sessions the seating capacity of Grand Army hall was inadequate and many were obliged to stand in the ante-room. The addresses during the convention by Mrs. Helen P. Ransome of Hartford, Conn., and the spirit messages by Mrs. Effie Chapman of Cambridge have given excellent satisfaction. The principal address at the morning's session was by Representative F. H. Dewart of St. Albans who spoke on his convictions in regard to spiritualism. Mrs. Ransome also gave an address and Mrs. Chapman gave psychometric readings.

At the afternoon session the music by a quartette choir under the direction of Mrs. Royce of Roxbury was a feature. At the closing session last evening the usual resolutions and votes of thanks were unanimously adopted. Mrs. Ransome gave a strong address and followed it with psychometric readings. Mrs. Chapman also gave spirit messages. Dr. S. N. Gould of Randolph, the retiring president of the association, has done much to make this convention one of the most successful in the history of the association.

The annual business meeting was held at four o'clock Saturday afternoon. The report of Effie L. Chapman, the secretary was read and adopted, as was the report of D. H. Chapman, the treasurer. The latter showed a balance of \$1.28 in the treasury.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Effie L. Chapman, Cambridge; vice-presidents, F. H. Dewart, St. Albans, and E. J. Fallon, Montpelier; treasurer, Don H. Chapman, Cambridge; auditor, E. J. Fallon, Montpelier; board of managers, Don H. Chapman, Cambridge, S. N. Gould, Randolph, Mrs. Janus Cross, Duxbury, Nellie Shaw, Morrisville, Addie Ballard, Ludlow, L. B. Smith, St. Albans, E. J. Fallon, Montpelier, Sanford Smith, Barre, and Mrs. Henry Childs, Montpelier.

RETURNS TO BARRE BEING OUT ON BAIL

L. Galliani's Friends Deposited \$6,000 in Currency to Cover Bond Required by Passaic County, N. J., Court.

Luigi Galliani, who was released from the Passaic county, N. J., jail last Thursday night, pending trial on the charge of being implicated in the silk mill riot at Paterson in the summer of 1902, returned to Barre Saturday night. A large number of Italian people were holding a dance in the Pearl street pavilion, and he was received by them with great enthusiasm. He stated that the bail bond was \$6,000 instead of \$5,000, as announced in a dispatch in Friday's paper. The amount was put up in currency, which had been collected among his friends in various parts of the country. The trial on six indictments was to start today, but Mr. Galliani told his Barre friends that it had been put off until February.

MRS. ALBERT HOUSE.

Died This Morning at Her Home in Berlin—Funeral Tomorrow.

The death of Mrs. Albert House occurred at five o'clock this morning at her home in Berlin. The deceased was born in Pomfret, this state, on June 13, 1835. Her maiden name was Sarah Parkhurst. She was married to Mr. House in Lancaster, N. H., on June 7, 1857. They came to Berlin in 1862 and had lived there ever since. Had Mrs. House lived until fall, they would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. House is one of the respected residents of Berlin.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the home in Berlin, the Rev. Mr. Fraser officiating. The burial will be in the family lot at the Berlin Corner cemetery.

FUNERAL OF C. C. DAVIS.

Was Held at East Montpelier Saturday Afternoon.

East Montpelier, Jan. 21.—The funeral of the late Calvin C. Davis was held from the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Tillotson Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. The Rev. George A. Moore of Montpelier officiating. Two selections, "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling," and "Asleep in Jesus," were sung by Mrs. A. L. Green, Mrs. George Moore and George Maker. The bearers were Alvin C. and Edwin C. Davis, sons, Arthur Mack and James Lord. The remains were placed in the vault at the Cutler cemetery in Montpelier. Among the floral tributes were a wreath from the children, and others from the grandchildren and carnations from the neighbors.

IN SEMI-CONSCIOUS STATE.

Former Governor Higgins Very Ill at His Home in Olean.

Olean, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Last night it was reported from the bedside of former Governor F. W. Higgins that his condition had not changed materially during the last twelve hours. Dr. E. J. Janeway, who came here from New York city, has returned to his home, saying there is nothing more he can do, and Dr. Hibbard, the local physician, is in charge.

When he gave up state duties at Albany and returned to his home, he was understood that his health was not good, but it was only known to his family and physicians that his condition was so critical. The end is but a question of hours.

The condition of ex-Governor Higgins was more serious this morning. He has taken no nourishment and is gradually sinking. His family are at the bedside. The end is momentarily expected.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Charles McQueen went to Northfield today on business.

Samuel Arroy of Coventry was in town on business today. He was in position with a Philadelphia granite firm, left for that city today.

PROBE TITLE TO P. O. SITE

United States District Attorney Dunnett in Barre

FINISHED WORK TO-DAY

By Investigation It Is Found That Entire Heart of the City Was Sold for \$2.40 on July 10, 1793, for Taxes.

United States district attorney Alexander Dunnett completed this morning his examination of the title to the Martin property at the corner of South Main and Prospect streets, which it is proposed to sell to the United States government for a postoffice site. His examination has been very exhaustive, covering four days time and going back to the first records of the property. He ended the inquiry today in consultation with Mrs. Jeannette Martin, in whose name the property now stands, and the results he will send to Washington to be acted upon there. If the title is found satisfactory to the government, the transfer of the property will be made, and it is possible that the erection of the building may be started the coming spring.

The earliest record of the Martin property shows it to have been granted to Francis Whitmore along with a large section bordering the Stevens branch when the town of Barre was first settled. The boundaries of the grant started at a point near where now rests the old fork shop building, running northerly to the present intersection of Franklin and Burns streets, thence westerly to Forsyth place, to John street and back to the starting point. Thus it will be seen that the grant included what is now the heart of the city of Barre. Strangely enough, Francis Whitmore did not care enough about the property to pay a tax of a cent an acre and so allowed it to be sold by the tax collector to pay back taxes. The records show that Ebenezer Brook Gale purchased the entire property at that sale and that he paid the sum total of \$3.40 for it. Those boundaries take in practically all the mercantile section, part of the granite plants and a considerable bit of the residential streets.

The transfer to Mr. Gale was made on January 10, 1793. After that period the town began to grow, and a little village sprang up along the Stevens branch on the property which had just brought \$2.40. Mr. Whitmore may have then wished that he paid the cent an acre tax and kept his original grant. From that time the land began to be divided into smaller sections in the process of dividing up the lot which the government has chosen passed down to Mrs. Jeannette Martin.

District attorney Dunnett was non-committal as to his findings in the city clerk's office, but it is thought that the government will satisfy itself as to the title. The matter of the city's assessment against the property for the granite paying was considered, and it is understood that that matter will be easily disposed of.

TWO FINGERS FOUND BY THE POLICE

They Were Two Fingers of Whiskey in a Bottle Back of Some Screens in a River Street House—Hattie Page Arrested.

A raid for liquor was made Saturday night by the police department on River street house, said to be rented by Hattie Page. The police saw evidence in several human forms that there had been liquor about quite recently, but they were unable to find anything until one of the officers tipped back some window screens which were leaning against the wall. Behind these screens he found two bottles, one entirely empty and the other with about two fingers in the bottom. Patrolman Carl, who made the discovery, did not notice that the bottle was unopened and slipped it into his overcoat pocket while he continued the search. After crawling and clambering around for a time he put his hand into the pocket to find that the cloth had absorbed about half of the whiskey in the bottle as it had spilled over. But there was still a finger and a half left. This was confiscated, and the Page woman spent Sunday in jail. When taken before Judge Scott this morning, she pleaded not guilty to keeping and also to selling. Trial was set for Wednesday morning and bail was fixed at \$650, which the respondent was unable to furnish. She was taken to the